

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24
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A RESOLUTION to commend Paul Rogers on his fortieth year of ministry at Centerville Church of Christ.

WHEREAS, throughout the state of Tennessee, there are those men and women whose lives and talents have been dedicated to serving God and their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Paul Rogers is one such dedicated Tennessean, having served admirably as Minister of the Centerville Church of Christ, Centerville, Tennessee, for the past forty years; and

WHEREAS, Paul Rogers' length of ministry at Centerville Church of Christ represents the longest tenure of any minister among Churches of Christ in Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, since 1957, under his visionary leadership, the church has completed building expansions worth over five million dollars, opened an Outreach Center and a church camp, established a day school and a scholarship fund, and implemented countless other religious and community services designed to help the Centerville community; and

WHEREAS, as Paul Rogers and the Centerville Church of Christ expanded their ministry outside the Tennessee area, thousands were helped by mission work in Illinois, Virginia and other states; and

WHEREAS, understanding that the message of hope and inspiration needed to be taken to all parts of the world, Paul Rogers traveled to India to preach the word of God, and led efforts to carry out mission work in Cervignano, Italy; and

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WHEREAS, in light of the demands of his ministry and his obligations to the members of his congregation, Judy, his loving wife, and Larry, David, Susan and Emily, his four wonderful children, have shared his dedication to Centerville Church of Christ and have respected his commitment to his calling from God; and

WHEREAS, the greatest testimony to Paul Rogers is the fact that the Centerville Church of Christ has grown from three hundred, forty-five members forty years ago to over eight hundred members today, and that his dynamic message and concern for man's salvation have led over two thousand people to affirm their faith and beliefs; now, therefore,

BE RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Paul Rogers on reaching the historic milestone of four decades of exemplary service to Centerville Church of Christ and to the entire Centerville community, and extend to Paul Rogers our congratulations and best wishes as he begins yet another decade in the highest service man can attain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Paul Rogers, minister of Centerville Church of Christ, with this final clause omitted from such copy.